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FEW CONTEST SEATS

Preparations Go Forward for Meet at Chicago When Amalgamation of Republicans Will Be Attempted

Chicago, May 18.—The members of the executive committee of the republican national committee will have a comparatively easy time when they meet to consider contests over seats in the republican national convention, James B. Reynolds, secretary of the committee, said today. He declared his information indicated that there would be contests over only 44 seats. These are:

Florida, 1; Georgia, 17; Louisiana, 12; Mississippi, 2; Missouri, 2; Oklahoma, 4; South Carolina, 3; Virginia, 1; District of Columbia, 2.

Secretary Reynolds ordered delegates of contesting districts to appear before the national republican committee June 1 for the settlement of contests. They include 17 in the state of Georgia, 12 in Louisiana, three in South Carolina, two in Oklahoma, two in the District of Columbia and one in Virginia, Florida and Missouri.

It was announced that the progressive national committee would meet in New York Wednesday to select a keynote convention speaker. Raymond Robins, of Chicago, Wm. A. White, Gifford Pinchot and Everett Colby have been mentioned as possibilities.

Political leaders professed to see in the activities of the Roosevelt non-partisan league a plan to stampee both the republican and progressive conventions to Roosevelt, irrespective of the colonel's attitude. It was whispered that a boom for Roosevelt would be launched in the republican convention the minute that nominations are called for, and it was announced that Thomas A. Edison would take the stump for Roosevelt's nomination during the week preceding the convention.

It was announced this afternoon that Roosevelt was sure to receive two votes on the first ballot from the Illinois delegation. The manager of the Cook county Sherman supporters announced that the release of two delegates from the Sherman pledge would enable them to vote for Roosevelt.

ARMY MARCHING TOWARD BORDER

Columbus, N. M., May 18.—American troops in Mexico continued their northward march today. Practically all units of General John J. Pershing's columns have reached Colonia Dublan, which is to be the expedition's advanced base.

It was said that preparations for the rainy season, which is at hand, were being rushed, as the downpour will make shipment of supplies over any considerable distance extremely difficult.

Carranza troops are marching south to occupy positions evacuated by the Americans. The United States forces are erecting a permanent camp at Dublan.

REPEL FRENCH ATTACKS IN REGION OF HILL 304

Berlin, May 18.—Three French attacks in the region of Hill 304 have been repulsed, it was officially stated today.

NOTIFY GERMANS IN AMERICA TO OBEY STATE LAWS

Washington, May 18.—"In consequence of cases which have occurred lately, German Ambassador von Bernstorff sent instructions to all German consuls strongly to impress German citizens that it is their duty to scrupulously obey the laws of the states where they reside," said an official statement from the kaiser's embassy today.

Von Bernstorff is also urging Berlin officials to take energetic steps to show the United States that Germany is not responsible for acts of law violation committed here. Berlin unquestionably authorized his statement made today.

The Cymric case is considered a closed incident, unless it is definitely shown that Germany violated its submarine pledges to the United States.

ONLY 2 MEXICANS WERE CAPTURED

Washington, May 18.—Colonel Sibley, reporting through General Funston to the war department today on Major Langhorne's victory over the Glenn Springs raiders, failed to substantiate earlier reports which were misconstrued as official at the department. The earlier report told of 75 Mexicans having been captured and six killed. The later account told only of two Mexicans having been wounded and captured.

San Antonio, May 18.—A pitched battle between Major Langhorne's cavalry and the rear guard of the Mexicans who raided Glenn Springs was momentarily expected today, following the reports of a skirmish between the hostile forces.

Two Mexicans were wounded and captured. Colonel Sibley, commanding the operations in pursuit of the raiders, is making a dash to join Langhorne with three troops of horsemen. The Americans are operating south of El Pino, where Jesse Deemer, American, was rescued from the Villistas.

ENGLAND KNEW OF COMING REVOLT

London, May 18.—Lieutenant-Colonel Nathan, under-secretary for Ireland, a witness today before the royal investigation committee probing the Irish riots, testified that the British government knew days before the revolt that Irish leaders planned an open revolution. The conspirators were not disarmed, he said, for fear such action would cause greater bloodshed. Irish leaders were informed, according to Nathan, that the Germans would co-operate with the revolt by launching a combined sea, air and land offensive against the British.

The constabulary was warned and patrolled the Irish coast night and day to prevent landing of German arms.

Failure of the rebel plans and the capture of Sir Roger Casement resulted from these precautions, Nathan said. He estimated the number of Irish rebels at 15,200, including 3,000 in Dublin. They had 1,886 rifles, and were counting on having 20,000 more rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition landed by the German auxiliary, which was sunk.

Irish sympathizers in the United States contributed largely to buy the rebel arms and spread their literature, Nathan charged.

BIG NAVY PROGRAM HAS WON IN THE COMMITTEE

House Members Agree to Expenditure of \$180,000,000 for Construction of More Vessels for the American War Fleet, But at the Same Time Go on Record As Favoring Universal Disarmament at End of Present War

Washington, May 18.—The house naval committee today adopted the big navy program for one year. At the same time it went on record as favoring universal disarmament.

The committee's program provides for an expenditure of \$180,000,000 for fleet construction. The number of ships recommended by Secretary Daniels was increased in almost every class.

In favoring universal disarmament, the committee called upon the president to do all within his power to bring about a settlement of international disputes through arbitration.

According to the building program the following vessels are to be constructed: Five battle cruisers, costing a total of \$20,433,531 each; four scout cruisers; ten torpedo boat destroyers; twenty submarines, three of 800 tons and seventeen to be designed later; a hospital ship, a fuel ship and an ammunition ship.

The battle cruisers have a speed of 35 knots, and are of 180,000 horsepower, their chief armament being ten 14-inch guns.

Eight submarines and four destroyers will be built on the Pacific coast. Efforts of republican members to have the committee authorize a larger

number of ships were defeated in every instance.

The republicans voted solidly against the program and announced they would bring in a minority report. Amendments providing premiums to speed up construction and limiting the time of placing ships in commission were defeated. The disarmament resolution was introduced by Congressman Hensley of Missouri and was adopted unanimously. It said:

"After conclusion of the war in Europe, or as soon after as may be done, the president is authorized to invite the great governments of the world to send representatives to a conference which will be charged with the duty of suggesting an organized court of arbitration or other body to which questions of disagreement between nations shall be referred for adjudication and peaceful settlement, and to consider the question of disarmament and submit resolutions to the respective governments for approval."

The resolution further authorizes the appointment of nine men to represent the United States in such conferences and appropriates \$200,000 to pay their salaries and expenses.

The measure carries a total appropriation of \$240,000,000.

FRENCH CAPTURE A GERMAN FORT

Paris, May 18.—French troops stormed and captured a small, well-defended German fort northeast of Hill 304, near Verdun, during the night, the war office claimed today. The French also captured a German trench on Hill 287, killing or making prisoner all occupants. German attacks on positions northwest of Verdun continued all night in heavy force, but they were all repulsed. Several attempts to seize a French redoubt in Avocourt woods were defeated. Aviators of both sides were busy. Germans shelled Epinal, Lunville and Belfort. The damage was slight. On the other hand, French aviators dropped 80 bombs into the forts of Metz. The Sablons railway depot was also shelled from the sky.

"ONLY WOMAN MAYOR" TO STICK ON THE JOB

Warren, Ill., May 18.—Mayoress Angela R. Canfield, 82 years old, of Warren, "only woman mayor," has decided to stick on the job. She said so today. She was recently reported as planning to retire.

"I am going to stick to the end of my term, anyhow," she said, "whether harmony prevails in the city council or not."

Mrs. Canfield recently planned to move to California. Her term expires in May, 1917.

MAN KILLED WHEN CAR JUMPS TRACK

Rodding, Cal., May 18.—Louis Ortner, 40 years old, whose residence is not known, was killed near Castle during the night, it was learned today, when an empty logging car on which he was riding to a camp in the woods broke loose from the rest of the train and ran away. A quarter of a mile down grade the wild car jumped the rails and overturned. Ortner was crushed beneath it. He was instantly killed. The man was looking for work and was not a company employe.

QUEEN HELENA HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Rome, May 18.—Queen Helena and Princesses Jolanda and Mafalda had a very narrow escape from death Monday when Austrian aviators attacked two trains near Venice. It was learned by the Austrians that Queen Helena and Princess Jolanda were traveling in a royal special and that Princess Mafalda was a passenger on the express. The royal train was showered with spent shrapnel bullets from anti-air craft guns which were trying to drive away the sky invaders. An aerial bomb exploded near the express. The queen and Jolanda were returning from the front, where they had visited King Victor Emmanuel. Mafalda was going to meet her mother. As the attack began the passengers were thrown into a panic. They were later calmed by the example of the queen, who maintained her composure. Unable to withstand the fire of anti-aircraft guns, the hostile machines finally retreated. When the royal party arrived at Padua it was greeted by an immense crowd, which cheered enthusiastically as the queen and the princess appeared in the windows of the battle-scarred coaches.

DESPONDENT MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Salem, May 18.—Despondent over illness, Phillip Rees, aged 76, a farmer residing five miles south of here on the Jefferson road, slashed his throat with a razor this morning and died almost instantly. He went out on the front porch to end his life, and the body fell forward onto the grass.

PRAYER IS ANSWERED AND WIFE GETS WELL

Chicago, May 18.—Demetro Monck went to church to pray for his "alek" wife. He came home to find that she had eloped with another Italian.

JAIL TERM FOR LIBELLER OF HIS COUNTRY'S DAD

Tacoma, May 18.—Convicted of criminally libelling George Washington, first president of the United States, Paul Haffer, a young socialist, was today sentenced by Judge Card in the superior court to serve four months in the county jail and to pay the costs of the trial. This action was taken following a motion by Haffer's attorney for a new trial, which was denied.

Two days time was granted for the filing of notice of appeal, and Haffer was permitted to enjoy his liberty on bail meanwhile. P. L. Pendleton, attorney for Haffer, indicated today his intention to appeal the case to the supreme court.

AUTHORS MAY JOIN THE LABOR UNION

New York, May 18.—Discussing the advisability of affiliating with the American Federation of Labor, the Authors' League of America today sent a representative to lunch with Martin Frayne, general organizer of the labor body, to talk the matter over.

Winston Churchill is president of the Authors' league and Theodore Roosevelt is vice-president. Eric Schuler, secretary, declares that a number of noted writers have already voiced their approval of "joining the union." These authors include, he said, George Barr McCutcheon, Samuel Hopkins Adams, Rex Beach, Ellis Parker Butler and Thompson Buchanan.

The idea was conceived by the latter.

ANGERED DETROIT CITIZENS SEND FOR ROOSEVELT

New York, May 18.—Theodore Roosevelt left Oyster Bay for Detroit today. The trip was undertaken at the request of prominent Detroit citizens who, angered at Henry Ford's views on peace being credited generally to Detroit, want to give Roosevelt and "preparedness" a big send-off.

PREOCCUPIED FLAGMAN STEP IN FRONT OF ENGINE

Tacoma, May 18.—While warning others of an approaching switch engine, Hugh Manley, a Northern Pacific flagman, stepped back directly in front of the engine and was instantly killed. His mind evidently had been preoccupied in the warning he had given others.

Manley, who was 62 years old, had been compelled to abandon his regular work for the railroad because of injuries received in various wrecks.

CASEMENT BACK IN LONDON TOWER

London, May 18.—Sir Roger Casement will go on trial for his life early next month, according to arrangements today. Following his preliminary hearing on a charge of high treason in connection with the Irish revolt Sir Roger was returned to his cell in the Tower of London. The crown may place Daniel Webster, Irish soldier, on trial at the same time, but this has not been definitely decided yet. Bailey is likely to receive clemency, owing to his exposure of the treason plot.

Premier Asquith's plans for a re-organization of the Irish administration have not yet been revealed. His efforts at conciliation pleased all. The premier was scheduled to go to Cork today.

INVASION OF ITALY HOPE OF AUSTRIA

An Army of 300,000 Men Is Hurlled Against Italians on a 35-Mile Front in the Tyrolean Alps Today

Amsterdam, May 18.—Three hundred thousand Austrians along a thirty-five mile front in the Tyrolean Alps are striking a terrific blow against the Italian lines today.

Berlin military critics intimate that Austria is hurling this powerful offensive in the hope of shattering the defenders' ranks and invading northern Italy.

The losses in the three-days' fighting already passed run high into the thousands. The battling is spreading eastward from the Adige river across the Alpine peaks and rocky plateaus, where soldiers cling to cliffs and fight hand-to-hand on narrow trails.

The Italians have been driven southward on a five-mile front from Piazza to the upper Astico valley. Vienna declares that Zegnortia has been captured. Rome denies it, and announces that the Austrians were checked there.

CONSULS GATHER FOR CONFERENCE

Washington, May 18.—First hand information regarding exact conditions in Mexico will be assembled by Consul Letcher and other American consuls who have gathered in El Paso for this purpose, it was announced today. Their report is to be placed in the hands of Major General Funston. As transmitted to Washington it will be verbal, because the administration wants it without the reservations that the making of a written record might entail.

Some quarters believed that the conference would result in a change in the Mexican policy. State department officials, however, said the meeting was called because the administration wanted facts regarding economic and political conditions in Mexico. They did not know of any change in policy.

Letcher is coming to Washington after the meeting. It was privately admitted that while military conditions south of the border were not alarming, the monetary situation, the food scarcity, the presence of typhus fever and the activities of Zapatistas were all causing worry.

LIFE FOR TELEPHONE GIRL LOSES ITS CHARM

Paterson, N. J., May 18.—Life is just one darned disappointment after another here. Orders today required Paterson's telephone operators to disrobe fashion dictates and wear skirts long enough to conceal ankles, which the company decided were too conspicuous.

SAYS HUSBAND MADE \$10,000 BY BOOTLEGGING

Pendleton, May 18.—In a divorce suit on file here today Mrs. Rose Bogert charges that her husband, a former saloonman, amassed \$10,000 by bootlegging during one dry year. She declares she was forced to help him mix water, coloring matter and brown sugar with whiskey to increase its volume.

Bogert does not deny these charges but alleges his wife was a willing accomplice.